

Substitute Bill No. 107

February Session, 2014



AN ACT CONCERNING DELIVERY OF THE YELLOW PAGES PHONE BOOK.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) As used in this section:
 - (1) "Display advertising" means business advertising that includes text or various graphic elements exceeding the use of boldface type and color highlighting of the business name and telephone number;
- 6 (2) "Distribution" means the unsolicited delivery of more than four 7 tons annually of yellow pages phone books to the addresses of 8 residents and businesses within this state, but does not include the 9 delivery of yellow pages phone books by membership organizations to 10 their members or to other residents or businesses requesting or 11 expressly accepting delivery;
- 12 (3) "Membership organization" means an organization that is 13 organized and operated primarily or exclusively for the purpose of 14 providing services or benefits to a designated group of members;
- 15 (4) "Distributor" means a person or organization engaged in the 16 business of arranging for the distribution of yellow pages phone books 17 in this state. "Distributor" includes those persons or organizations that

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- 18 are primarily responsible for arranging for the publication and
- 19 distribution of the yellow pages phone books and whose income is
- derived, at least in part, from the advertising contained in the yellow
- 21 pages phone books. "Distributor" does not include those individuals
- 22 whose role in the distribution of yellow pages phone books in this state
- 23 is limited to driving the streets and making physical delivery of the
- 24 yellow pages phone books; and
- 25 (5) "Yellow pages phone book" means a printed telephone directory
- 26 that consists primarily of a listing of business names and telephone
- 27 numbers and contains display advertising for at least some of those
- 28 businesses.
- 29 (b) Any distributor shall distribute a yellow pages phone book by
- 30 the United States Postal Service.
- 31 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 20-206g of the 2014 supplement to
- 32 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 33 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):
- 34 (c) Each person who holds a license as a massage therapist shall
- 35 include his or her license number in any advertisement for such
- 36 person's massage therapy services that appears in a newspaper,
- 37 telephone directory, including, but not limited to, a yellow pages
- 38 phone book, as defined in section 1 of this act, or other advertising
- 39 medium.
- Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 20-417d of the general statutes is
- 41 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 42 *October* 1, 2014):
- 43 (a) A new home construction contractor shall (1) prior to entering
- into a contract with a consumer for new home construction, provide to
- 45 the consumer a copy of the new home construction contractor's
- 46 certificate of registration and a written notice that (A) discloses that the
- 47 certificate of registration does not represent in any manner that such
- 48 contractor's registration constitutes an endorsement of the quality of

such person's work or of such contractor's competency by the commissioner, (B) advises the consumer to contact the Department of Consumer Protection to determine (i) if such contractor is registered in this state as a new home construction contractor, (ii) if any complaints have been filed against such contractor, and (iii) the disposition of any such complaints, (C) advises the consumer to request from such contractor a list of consumers of new homes constructed to completion by the contractor during the previous twenty-four months and to contact several individuals on the list to discuss the quality of such contractor's new home construction work, and (D) discloses each corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship or other legal entity, which is or has been a new home construction contractor under the provisions of this chapter or a home improvement contractor under the provisions of chapter 400, in which the owner or owners of the new home construction contractor providing the written notice required by this section are or have been a shareholder, member, partner or owner during the previous five years, (2) state in any advertisement, including any advertisement in a telephone directory, including, but not limited to, a yellow pages phone book, as defined in section 1 of this act, the fact that such contractor is registered, and (3) include such contractor's registration number in any such advertisement. The new home construction contractor, or his agent, shall also discuss with the consumer the installation of an automatic fire extinguishing system in a new home.

Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 22a-66c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

(d) Any business registered under this section shall display the registration number assigned to it by the commissioner on the body of any motor vehicle used by it in the course of business, in any newspaper advertisement for the business, on any billboard advertisement for the business, and in any advertisement for the business placed in [the] <u>a</u> generally circulated telephone directory,

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- 82 <u>including, but not limited to, a yellow pages phone book, as defined in</u>
 83 <u>section 1 of this act.</u> Any such business shall further include the
 84 number in any written contract it enters into for provision of pesticide
- 85 application services.
- Sec. 5. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 29-152b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):
- 89 (2) Solicit business in or on the property or grounds of a correctional 90 institution, community correctional center or other detention facility 91 where arrested persons are confined, or in or on the property or 92 grounds of any courthouse, unless a request is initiated by an arrested 93 person, a person with actual or apparent authority to act on behalf of 94 such arrested person, or a potential indemnitor. For purposes of this 95 subdivision, "solicit" includes the distribution of business cards, print 96 advertising or any other written information directed to arrested 97 persons or potential indemnitors. A correctional institution, 98 community correctional center or other detention facility where 99 arrested persons are confined, police station or courthouse may permit 100 print advertising by a professional bondsman in or on the property or 101 grounds of such institution, center or facility, police station or 102 courthouse, provided such advertising shall be limited to a listing in a 103 telephone directory, including, but not limited to, a yellow pages 104 phone book, as defined in section 1 of this act, and the posting of the 105 professional bondsman's name, address and telephone number in a 106 prominent designated location in or on such property or grounds. 107 Nothing in this subdivision shall prohibit a professional bondsman 108 from soliciting business in or on the property or grounds of a police 109 station;
- Sec. 6. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 38a-660j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):
- 113 (2) Solicit business in or on the property or grounds of a correctional

114 institution, community correctional center or other detention facility 115 where arrested persons are confined, or in or on the property or 116 grounds of any courthouse, unless a request is initiated by an arrested 117 person, a person with actual or apparent authority to act on behalf of 118 such arrested person, or a potential indemnitor. For purposes of this 119 subdivision, "solicit" includes the distribution of business cards, print 120 advertising or any other written information directed to arrested 121 persons or potential indemnitors. A correctional institution, 122 community correctional center or other detention facility where 123 arrested persons are confined, police station or courthouse may permit 124 print advertising by a surety bail bond agent or an insurer in or on the 125 property or grounds of such institution, center or facility, police station 126 or courthouse, provided such advertising shall be limited to a listing in 127 a telephone directory, including, but not limited to, a yellow pages 128 phone book, as defined in section 1 of this act, and the posting of the 129 surety bail bond agent's name, address and telephone number in a 130 prominent designated location in or on such property or grounds. 131 Nothing in this subdivision shall prohibit a surety bail bond agent or 132 insurer from soliciting business in or on the property or grounds of a 133 police station;

- Sec. 7. Subsection (e) of section 42-288a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):
- 137 (e) (1) Any person who obtains the name, residential address or 138 telephone number of any consumer from published telephone 139 directories, including, but not limited to, a yellow pages phone book, 140 as defined in section 1 of this act, or from any other source and 141 republishes or compiles such information, electronically or otherwise, 142 and sells or offers to sell such publication or compilation to telephone 143 solicitors for marketing or sales solicitation purposes, shall exclude 144 from any such publication or compilation, and from the database used 145 to prepare such publication or compilation, the name, address and telephone number or numbers of any consumer if the consumer's 146

name and telephone number or numbers appear in the then current quarterly "no sales solicitation calls" listing made available by the department under subsection (b) of this section.

(2) This subsection does not apply to (A) any telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for the sole purpose of compiling, publishing or distributing telephone directories, including, but not limited to, a yellow pages phone book, as defined in section 1 of this act, or causing the compilation, publication or distribution of telephone directories, including, but not limited to, a yellow pages phone book, as defined in section 1 of this act, or providing directory assistance, and (B) any person, for the sole purpose of compiling, publishing or distributing telephone directories for such telephone company pursuant to an agreement or other arrangement with such telephone company.

Sec. 8. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53-340a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

(2) "Public media" means telephone directories, <u>including</u>, <u>but not limited to</u>, a <u>yellow pages phone book</u>, as <u>defined in section 1 of this act</u>, professional directories, newspapers and other periodicals, radio, television, billboards and mailed or electronically transmitted written communications that do not involve in-person contact with a specific prospective client, patient or customer; and

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2014	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2014	20-206g(c)
Sec. 3	October 1, 2014	20-417d(a)
Sec. 4	October 1, 2014	22a-66c(d)
Sec. 5	October 1, 2014	29-152b(a)(2)
Sec. 6	October 1, 2014	38a-660j(a)(2)
Sec. 7	October 1, 2014	42-288a(e)
Sec. 8	October 1, 2014	53-340a(a)(2)

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